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# Manifesto of the Russian Missionary Society

By Wynne V. Saunders

In these early days of the post-war period, when people and parties, everywhere, are making manifestos, proclaiming their policies and proposals, it is meet that the R.M.S. also should make a manifesto, plainly stating its position and purpose in this vital hour, when such vast spiritual issues are at stake regarding Soviet Russia; when the rapidly rising tide of opportunity requires to be taken at its flood.

Yet our deeper desire is to make *not* a new Declaration, but a renewed Dedication to Himself and His service, in the special sphere to which we are called.

So simple it is for the Society to state *where* and *how* it stands, for its twofold, paramount purpose is *still* to Give Glory to God, and to Give the Gospel to the Great Russian Races. It seeks, by the Holy Spirit, to be set *absolutely at the Divine disposal* for the unfolding of God's purposes of grace upon the Field. It looks to the Lord to raise up men and release means to ring the Gospel bells around Russia to her remotest regions.

**The Russian Races, in a ceaseless file**
**March past the windows of our mind, and while**
**The deep of their dire need calls to the deep**
**Of sympathy within us, upward leap**
**Our love and longing; yet we surely know**
**Without Thee we can nothing do, and so**
**Our hearts and hands we yield afresh, and pray**
**Through them, Lord, work Thy will, and have Thy way.**

**W. V. S.**

The *carnal conflict* in Europe has ceased, but the *spiritual struggle* is intensified. The peoples, cast into the cauldron of such a conflict, are rendered to a *moulten* state, and the point at issue is *into what mold are they going to be poured*—how are they going to *set*? Responsibility regarding the reply to that question reaches the R.M.S. as the very Charge of Christ and Challenge of the Cross.

The whole Field, with its strategic position and spiritual possibilities, is pregnant wth glorious potentialities. But we *know* that apart from Holy Ghost enabling,

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# ORPHAN RESTORATION FUND

## WE NEED $5,000 AT ONCE TO REPAIR AND REFURNISH THE WAR-DAMAGED ORPHANAGE AT KONSTANCIN, POLAND

*The following are excerpts from a letter just received from the Russian Missionary Society Field Superintendent in Poland:*

**Condition of Orphanage Building**

"Our house in Konstancin is in a very miserable condition, without window-frames, doors, stoves, kitchens, etc. The roof must be repaired, a new fence must be put up, etc. . . . Besides the cost of rebuilding the house, we would have to furnish it with beds. tables, linen, etc."

**Homeless Orphans Need Shelter**

"There are thousands of homeless orphans in Poland of evangelical faith who are pleading for help and shelter."

**Work on Building Should Begin Immediately**

"To rebuild our house in Konstancin is quite an urgent matter. At present we could get workers for the rebuilding at a low payment. If I had your approval to make a loan of zloty 800,000, or any amount for rebuilding of our house in Konstancin, or mission work in Poland, we could proceed with the work right soon. But I would need to have your word."

**Our Response**

to this challenging call from Rev. Leonid Jesakow, our Field Superintendent in Poland must not be delayed. We need at least $5,000.00 to repair and refurnish the orphanage. We need it immediately. If God lays this urgent need upon your heart send your contribution to our Toronto or Chicago office marked

**ORPHANAGE RESTORATION FUND**

**Fill in the gift form on page 16 and mail it with your gift to our Chicago or Toronto office.**

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all our efforts, energies and enterprise will prove impotent to turn the significant situation and crucial circumstances to account for God and the Gospel. Nor do we underrate the immensities of the tasks and undertakings with which we are faced; the tracing and rehabilitation of missionaries who yet remain, and myriad matters of utmost urgency: yet should the *flesh,* faltering, ask "Who is sufficient for these things?" *faith* will affirm "Our sufficiency is of God." We rely, in deep dependence, upon Him, realizing that THE RESOURCES WHICH ARE RESIDENT IN THE RISEN ARE NOT ONLY ADEQUATE, THEY ARE INFINITE.

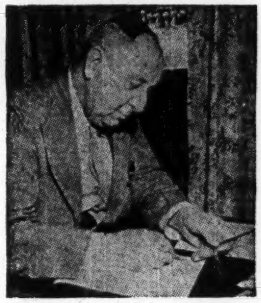
As we kept vigil through the war's long night, a vision was vouchsafed us; even that the Hammer and Sickle, sign of the Soviet, should become, in blessed experience, the symbol of the Spirit, for in Jeremiah 23:29, runs the record, "Is not My word . . . saith the Lord . . . like a *hammer* that breaketh the rock in pieces?" Then, the sickle stands, in Scripture, for the sign of harvest. Thus the gloriously possible interpretation we are granted is, that the *hammer* of His Word shall break the rocky resistance in Russian hearts, and the *sickle* of the Spirit mow down, for the reaping, sheaves from Soviet Russia. So shall our united hearts shout Hallelujah to the Lord of the living harvest.

But while that is the vision in its ultimate issue, and vast reaches of the field are already fast-whitening, we are given a keen consciousness that our commission charges us to be increasingly concerned with the SOIL, the SEED, and the SOWING.

As at the formation of the Society, so now at this signal stage, we pledge our hearts and put our hands to the plow; we strike our harrow strong and straight and sure, into that which may *still* prove to be a field of iron and brass, and *look not back.*

## DO SVIDANIA

**(Au Revoir, in Russian)**



I pen this paragraph on the eve of my departure for our Financial Headquarters in London, in order to proceed with Mr. Charles Phillips, F.R.G.S., our Honorary Treasurer in Chief since 1907, to the Continent of Europe for relief work, the rehabilitation of our bombed buildings, and the restoration of our evangelists and evangelical ministry from the Baltic to the Balkans.

Will my readers who have so graciously and generously written helpful letters and thanked God and the writer for blessings received through his devotional articles please accept my sincere thanks for their encouragement. In days of heavy pressure, it has been most helpful to receive your approving comments on our editorial efforts. It has been good to know that the information which we have been able to give has enabled you to be practical and pointed in your prayer ministry. We rejoice in and thank God for the financial response that has readily and rapidly followed every special appeal. In honesty I must confess that, due to my traveling so much and so widely and my constant speaking at churches and conferences, far more of the work of the magazine has fallen to the lot of Miss Fetler than she should have been asked to bear. To her is due the credit for the lay-out and make-up of the periodical that friends have found so pleasing.

With confidence I beg for your support of the new managing editor, Rev. J. F. Holliday, who brings to the work not only "the pen of a ready writer," but also an eruditional background.

With equal confidence I ask for the support of your supplications for Brother Phillips and myself: in order that we may be given the solution of the problems that we must face in Europe—"and for me" in harmony with Ephesians 6:18 to 20.

With every good wish and the assurance of a place in my daily prayers for you each and all.

Yours because His,

## BIBLES FOR RUSSIANS

There is a very large body of Russian laborers in Paris, France, in process of repatriation. To them and to other Russians in Germany the American Bible Society has shipped 7,375 Russian Testaments and 43,000 Gospels through the Y.M.C.A., American chaplains and the Russian Missionary Society. The R.M.S. is truly thankful to all our friends who have sent their gifts for evangelizing the Russians.

A $1,000 gift will provide 4,400 volumes.

A $ 100 gift will provide 440 volumes.

A $ 10 gift will provide 44 volumes.

"Bibles—not bombs—for tomorrow's world!" This is a challenge which American Christians cannot ignore. We have spent billions for bombs; by spending a few millions for Bibles we may insure peace undergirded and fortified by the Christian Gospel.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

The war-years have furnished us with many illustrations of the old saying, *"God moves about His workers but He carries on His work."* Evangelists from our Eastern European fields, fleeing from Soviet intolerance, have witnessed for Christ to Russian refugees in Sweden, Austria, Mid-Europe, Central Asia, and North America. Comparatively few of the pre-war missionaries of the Russian Missionary Society are working in the actual localities where they were laboring in 1939; but little by little we are learning of the effective witness that these devoted servants of Christ have given in changing, challenging circumstances. The record of God's dealings with them will provide many a stirring story for subsequent issues of THE FRIEND OF RUSSIANS.

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In the administrative department of the Russian Missionary Society, as well as on the field, there have been inevitable wartime "moves." Under normal circumstances *our International Secretary, Colonel F. J. Miles,* would have spent considerable part of the past six years in the United Kingdom. But with Britain at war, it was obvious that North America offered much greater opportunities to serve the cause of Russian evangelization. Upon the advice of our International Council and Advisory Board he remained on this continent, and as we look back over the period we are filled with thanksgiving for the ministry which God gave to our honored colleague in Canada and the United States. Hundreds of evangelical churches are stronger, thousands of believers are spiritually richer, and interest in Russian evangelization is immeasurably deeper because of his tireless efforts. Eternity alone will reveal the importance of the contribution that Colonel Miles made to Christian life on this continent. At an age when most men would be living in retirement, our International Secretary carried on a program which few younger men would attempt. Traveling from coast to coast, he rarely had a day free from speaking engagements and often preached four and five times within twenty-four hours. How he found time and strength to supplement these multiplied ministries with his administrative and editorial duties, and to add to these the publication of numerous books and booklets, is a marvel to us all and a miracle of Divine sustaining grace. Elsewhere in this issue of THE FRIEND OF RUSSIANS we publish Colonel Miles' "Do Svidania" (Au Revoir) note. As he returns to Europe to gather up the threads of our missionary organization, so tragically frayed and broken by the conditions of conflict, let us pray fervently that he may be "marvelously helped" (2 Chronicles 26, verse 15).

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With the return of our International Secretary to the United Kingdom, the present writer must take over a good many of the responsibilities which Colonel Miles carried so capably. We are deeply conscious of our limitations and our need of Divine help. Brethren pray for us. Pray that God will give us wisdom. Pray that God will use us in one of the most challenging tasks that we have ever been asked to undertake. Everywhere doors of opportunity for ministry are opening. Even before we arrived home from overseas an avalanche of invitations to conduct evangelistic campaigns and Bible Conferences began to pour in. Subject only to what we believe to be the leading of the Holy Spirit, we will do our utmost to respond to these calls for ministry. The first six weeks of our itinerary will be spent in Ontario, Canada, fulfilling the following preaching engagements:

**THE FASTEST WAY TO PAY FOR A CHURCH IS TO HAVE ITS CONGREGATION GIVE TO MISSIONS**

MARCH

17-22—Keelesdale Baptist Church, Toronto.
19 —Noon Meeting, Baptist Women's Missionary Society, Toronto.
23 —Servicemen's Banquet and Rally, Guelph.
24-31—Faith Baptist Church, Toronto.

APRIL

1- 7—Collier St. Baptist Church, Barrie.
9 —Muskoka Baptist Camp Reunion, Hamilton.
11 —Annual Meeting of Canadian Section of R.M.S. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Toronto.
12 —Rally for Men, Charlton Ave. Baptist, Hamilton.
14-28—Central Baptist Church, Brantford.
29-31—Hess Street Mission, Hamilton.

MAY

2- 3—Conference: Fellowship of Baptist Churches of Canada.

May we count on your prayer-help as we tell the story of what we have seen of Europe's need, and as we exalt the Only One Who can solve the world's pressing problems. Churches, missionary organizations or service clubs wishing to arrange for individual meetings or series of services should contact us well in advance through our Chicago or Toronto offices. (See back page for address.)

It is impossible to predict how *Russia's program of expansion* and its resultant international complications may reflect upon our missionary opportunities in Eastern Europe. Whatever happens, we know that we serve a Sovereign God Who "worketh all things after the counsel of His own will," and Who commands us to preach the Gospel to every creature. It is His glory to overrule the mistakes of men and nations: It is our responsibility to carry out to the limit of our ability the commission that He has entrusted to us. It is His prerogative to open doors of opportunity for missionary service: It is our duty to enter when the doors are open, or to prepare for the day when the shut doors will be unlocked. We do not propose to postpone the rehabilitation of our work on the Russian Mission Field because Russia's foreign policy threatens to create future difficulties. The spreading of the Gospel has always been fraught with problems and perils. If the New Testament evangelists had postponed their program until the work was easy, they would never have preached at all. Russian evangelization in particular has bristled with difficulties. So whatever the future may hold, we must seize every opportunity which the present affords to get the Gospel to the Russian races.

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This issue of the magazine contains two items about the restoration of *Our Orphanage in Poland,* to which we wish to draw the attention of every reader. The letter from Leonid Jesakow, field superintendent of our Polish Section, which you will find on page 9, describes the destruction that war has brought to our orphanage building, states the cost of restoration, and informs us that a loan can be secured enabling us to proceed at once with the work of reconstruction. We accept this news as a direct challenge from heaven to undertake the rehabilitation of the Polish orphanage immediately, and we commend to your prayerful consideration the article on page 2 entitled "Orphanage Restoration Fund." Let us not fail the "HOMELESS ORPHANS IN POLAND OF EVANGELICAL FAITH WHO ARE PLEADING FOR HELP AND SHELTER."

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We rejoice in the promotion that has advanced a member of our Canadian Council (its whilom president), *Squadron Leader (Rev.) Anderson Linton,* who has been overseas for some time. He has now been appointed Senior Chaplain of Royal Canadian Air Force personnel in Europe. We cordially congratulate him and the men of the Forces whom he serves so splendidly.

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A few weeks ago the present writer returned from Britain to America. During our "disembarkation leave" we were privileged to attend part of the 1946 *Founder's Week Conference* of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. What a refreshing experience after three years of army service!

What a thrill to see this great Bible Training Institute filled to capacity with consecrated young people preparing themselves for the work of the Lord! What a joy to see the immense Moody Church crowded to overflowing with men and women who love to hear and to tell the Old, Old Story. Truly "The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear."

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A recent report to the U. S. A. and Canadian Boards of the Russian Missionary Society by our International Secretary included the following paragraph: *"THE SENDING OF RELIEF*—clothing, food and cash, has been greatly extended. Parcels of the former have been sent to England, France, Belgium, Holland, Poland, and Germany from the Chicago office. Bulk clothing goes from the N.A.E. warehouse in New York to our headquarters in Utrecht, Holland. Parcels of food are dispatched weekly from Toronto and Chicago. I am taking with me several tubs of concentrated soups and other food stuffs. Money is cabled monthly from Chicago to our neutral country headquarters in Switzerland and Sweden. The Financial Board in London also sends money to support our ministers in European lands."

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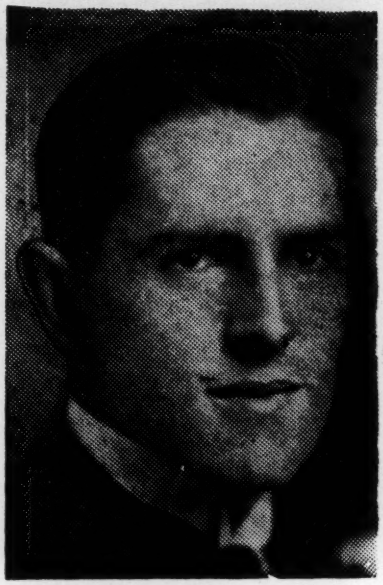
These brief, hurriedly-prepared editorial notes only touch a few features of our many-sided missionary ministry. Far to the North, in Alaska, we help to support two missionaries who give some of their time to Slavic evangelism. In the near future a regular Latvian broadcast, sponsored by the Russian Missionary Society, will be carried by the powerful "Voice of the Andes" radio station at Quito, Ecuador, in South America. We ask our readers to pray for this testimony, and for the witness of our missionaries to Russians in South America. May we be zealous in holding up the hands of our fellow-laborers everywhere—in Europe, in Asia, and in the Americas.

Yours in Gospel bonds,
J. F. Holliday.



J. F. Holliday

**ANNUAL MEETING**
of
**CANADIAN SECTION**
of the
**RUSSIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY**
will be held on
**Thursday Evening, April 11 at 7:45 P.M.**
in
**Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church**
**(Bathurst St. North of Bloor)**
**Toronto, Ontario**

Hon. **Captain J. F. Holliday,** newly appointed R.M.S. general secretary for North America, will speak on the subject:

**"WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT RUSSIA?"**

All friends of the Russian Missionary Society within reach of Toronto are cordially invited to attend this missionary rally.

# *Lift Up Your Eyes*

## "LOOK ON THE FIELDS WHITE . . . TO HARVEST"

*"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into the harvest."* (John 4:35; Luke 10:2)

## LETTERS OF THANKS FROM EUROPE

**Paris, France**

I must make up for my long delay in answering letters and acknowledging precious parcels. It has been so cold I could not possibly write, so cold and benumbed were my hands I was unable to use a pen or needle. So I trust you will not be displeased with me. I really do not know how to thank you for the splendid food you are providing for us and your tender care of us. I pray the Lord to bless and reward you very richly. I am so thankful for the honey, and the fruit juices are wonderful and so necessary for we get no fruit. The cookies, the candies and all else is so, so delicious.

In spite of the cold, the Lord protected us from sickness and we are well. Your parcels have strengthened us and we are able to bear the difficulties easier. Now spring is near and soon it will be quite warm. I am very very happy in the Lord and praise and bless Him all day long. There is a song rising up in my heart day and night. How beautiful to walk with God. M. Yasnovsky.

**Paris, France**

Many thanks for the splendid parcel you sent us some time ago. We were quite astonished and at the same time very pleased about everything it contained. We praise and thank the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour for this token of kindness and interest in us, and may the Lord Jesus bless you for the trouble you took to send it to us. M. P. B.

## SHOES APPEAR AS RICHES

**Utrecht, Holland**

It was such a great surprise for me and my sister that you and some unknown friends had undertaken to help us and send us relief parcels. Yesterday three parcels arrived from Mrs. V. and two from her friends. They contained all kinds of children's underwear, other clothes, a girl's coat, some men's and women's clothes, tea, a cake of soap, pins, needles, mending material, rubber shoes and six pairs of leather shoes, four of them quite new. You cannot imagine what riches they were! And the Lord just fixed the time of their arrival so wonderfully at the right time. Two cousins had just arrived from the Dutch East Indies, with six children, who had been in the Japanese concentration camps, men, women and the bigger children all separated. My cousin gave birth to another baby during their first imprisonment. Like all other repatriates they came to Holland practically without anything. Last fortnight three more families—our cousins—arrived from the Dutch East Indies, among them a widow with four children; her husband, a missionary, had died from hunger in a camp.

In the parcels were various things which were not very suitable to my sister's family of nine, because the eldest boy was only 11 in December, but they were just right for my cousin's girl and boy. Some girl's clothes fitted the little girl, born in the camp, because my sister's five youngest children are boys.

We should be very thankful, too, if you would be able to send us Biblical pictures for our orphan homes for wall decorations. There is at present nothing to be had here of the kind. We think that this would be splendid Gospel testimony, next to the relief of physical distress. In this case the Evangelical picture will be of more importance than the title or verse, since English is a foreign language, though in many cases it may be fruitful, too.

Maria Sadko-Ubbink.

## OIL—LEMON—FROZEN TURNIPS

Thank you so much for your warm words of love! Thank you ever so much for all the good care you are taking of us and many of our friends! If you could hear the words of gratefulness and see the tears of joy about the help granted to them, you would be recompensed. The spices, the pins, needles, tooth brushes, etc., the wool, sweater, sweets, honey—all is so very valuable, and then that oil in all shapes and vessels. I have supplied nine families with 21 people with it. When distributing it they were all simply speechless. Some more families will follow. No wonder people tell me to come and see them again!

As mentioned before, that milk has helped some small children in P. to pass over the very worst time. And they were so happy. The chocolate was the only sweet present they had this year. The lemon juice we are keeping to use in February because the worst time without vitamins is only coming. The noodle soup is the delight of the children. Fish—how we would like to eat it—if we only could get it. Our meat portion is 40 grams per day. Meat, bones, and salt-herring, all must be bought from that ration.

If there is a possibility of continuing to send those precious parcels, it would be so nice to have once more some coffee.

Last Sunday Brother B. had a severe heart attack, but managed to stand in the pulpit in the afternoon. Our friends showed us much love. It was wonderful. They were glad for what we could take to them. And we marched home two hours against a most awful east wind, ice cold, with one gunneysack full of potatoes, and one with coal.

You simply cannot grasp what it means to us and our friends to receive those parcels. They keep body and soul together. At the beginning of this week, we had a special help again. Quite near here we found a place where there were frozen turnips lying upon a heap. We were allowed to fetch some. With an axe they had to be cut out of the ice. But we have some vegetables to eat, and I have something to take to the old hungry people. We are so grateful for this great help.

Yours in Him,
Lydia B.

## EVERY MEMBER A MISSIONARY

**Sarajevo, Bosnia, Yugoslavia**

We have been suffering terribly during the last war. Very often we were bombarded by your American bombers. Your bombs were falling very near around our little house and did considerable damage, but thanks to God, we are all alive, only Miss F. was killed by one of the bombs. I was searching for her for five days until finally I found her buried with many soldiers in a big hole in the military cemetery. We ordered her to be dug out and buried her in the Evangelical cemetery.

We are in great need of shirts, underwear, threads, sugar or saccharin, and fats. My mother-in-law and the rest of her family are not here. She is 75 and very sick; she is suffering terribly—Nehemiah 9:36. My wife was there to see them before Christmas and she says, it is just terrible. And they are innocent. (Probably they are in some prisoners' camp. Ed.).

The two Horka sisters, Bessie and Agnes. 80 and 82 years old, are living here in great poverty. Maybe some good soul would be willing to help and send them fats, saccharin, noodles, cookies, spools of thread, etc. Miss Bessie Horky knows English; she used to be the secretary of Miss Adeline Irby from England, a Serbian benefactress. Both of them are citizens of Czechoslovakia, but now they must live in Bosnia. Bosnia was

the worst hit in the whole of Europe. A large part of our country is annihilated, numbers of people killed, others burned alive (like our martyr John Huss).

In Slavia and Croatia, especially in Lica, a great awakening is taking place, even among the Greek-Orthodox people. In Golubnjak there was only one Christian family before the war; lately over 30 were baptized there: Bohemians and Greek-Orthodox. *Every new member immediately becomes a missionary.* We have great need of Serbo-Croatian pocket Bibles. If somebody in America could send me a few, or at least portions of Scripture in Serbo-Croatian, he would surely perform a mighty good missionary work. People are coming constantly to me for God's word, willing to buy it, but I am unable to help, because for a long time none was printed here, and possibly it will take a long time before any will be published.

J. C.

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## THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS ORPHANS

**Warsaw, Poland**

My Dear Dr. Miles:

Your letter of December 19 received yesterday. It was the happiest day for me since September, 1939, to read your own letter and to look at your signature, and above all to know that you and Mr. Chas. Phillips are alive. A new hope entered into my life. God is merciful to His people, indeed.

I also received yesterday the two parcels which you mention in your letter. Thank you most heartily for the help which means more for us than words can express. The parcels came in good order.

I was very delighted to read in your letter the assuring words in regard to the future of our work in Poland, namely that it will be restored and our orphanage will be rebuilt and reorganized. Our house in Konstancin is in a very miserable condition, without window frames, doors, stoves, kitchens, etc. As I have inquired, the house could be brought to its proper order at the cost of about 800,000 zloty. To rebuild it is quite an urgent matter. At present, we could get workers for the rebuilding at a low price. If I had your approval to make a loan of 800,000 zloty, or any amount for rebuilding our house in Konstancin for mission work in Poland, we could proceed with the work right soon. But I would need to have your word. There are thousands of homeless orphans in Poland of evangelical faith who are pleading for help and shelter. We are entirely helpless to do something for them, having no means. Besides the cost of rebuilding the house, we would have to furnish it with beds, tables, linen, etc.

The possibilities for mission work in Poland, I think, are greater than ever before. We enjoy the fullest religious freedom and rights. There are several thousands of Evangelicals in the District of Maxury, near the towns of Olsztyn, Ostrod, and many other places which formerly belonged to Germany, but now are included in Poland. If we had the means, we could open many churches and mission places in the District. There are immense possibilities for mission work in many other parts of Poland as well. Everywhere the people plead for the Word of God. There are at present six missionaries who work in different places for our Society. Among them is our old missionary W. S., and A. L. and the other four are new workers. I have been borrowing money from Methodist brethren for our mission work, and I hope our Mission Society will return these amounts in due time.

You will not recognize Warsaw when you come. The whole city is burned down. The people live in ruins. I am writing this letter in the Methodist House, on the seventh floor, because the lower floors are burned out. So live the people here. My family is located in Skolimow, near Constancin. I hire there two rooms. We have of course, no furniture at all, and the children sleep on the floor. We have no linen, no clothing, as everything was burned during the insurrection in Warsaw.

I have very little news about our missionaries who are now under the U.S.S.R. government. Brother P. is doing mission work on his old field. Brothers G. B., S. J. H. and some others from Lutsk District are away in far Russia together with Brother Aristarchus. Brother Samoukin was killed. No news from I. S., although I heard that he is continuing his mission work in B.

We do continue to pray for you, dear Brother Miles, and all our coworkers in the Lord's cause.

L. Jesakow.

## SOUTH AMERICA

**Berisso, Argentina**

There is very much spiritual work to do here, because there are many places where nobody has yet been with the true Word of God. With your help I hope to visit them soon. I also have the desire to open a new place of worship in a new little town not far from here. People of different nationalities settle down here, but nobody has yet thought of preaching the Gospel to them, except that I visit some homes there. But we really should rent a home there and have at least, once a week, a religious meeting and also a Sunday School for children, of whom there are so many poor urchins there.

Will you give me your advice and brotherly help in this matter, which has been my dream for so long? Thank you very much for all your help rendered until now.

Karp Mihailovich Novik.

GEORGE ZHUKOFF in Montevideo, Uruguay, and TIMOTHY GRABCHUK in Berisso, Argentina, are continuing their work joyfully. More in next issue.

**Rev. and Mrs. M. Janson**

## 'THE VOICE OF THE ANDES'

The Jansons, now in Quito, are well under way in their Portuguese broadcasts and are already getting some very good reports from Brazil and elsewhere. It seems that a good many people are taking an interest in getting the Portuguese program announced in various periodicals in that great country and new interest has been aroused in radio broadcasting in Brazil. Mr. Janson is a Latvian, and we hope that soon the Latvians scattered all over the world will hear the Word of God in their own tongue through his broadcast in Latvian.

Recently Dr. Sidney Correll, editor of *The Missionary Digest*, visited HCJB for several weeks. Upon his return to the States he wrote, "I cannot tell you how perfectly thrilled I was with the work that you are doing there at 'The Voice of the Andes.' I feel that it is one of the great modern missionary adventures. The work shows breath-taking boldness in breaking with the past and using modern methods to reach the world for Christ."

As you pray and give you become a part with us in this "adventure" of proclaiming our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to all the world. Remember to continue praying that the Lord might be honored in all the broadcasts and many may be blessed as they hear His Word.

## ALASKA

**Copper Center, Alaska**

We are very pleased that we are now connected with your wonderful work in a real way and are considered part of the great Russian Missionary Society. We have heard of this Missionary Society and the wonderful way the Lord has blessed it, ever since we were children. It makes us thank the Lord for such devoted service of His own children in carrying the blessed seed around the world to those who have such dire need for it. We do appreciate the support you have sent us. Thank you, each one, for we shall use every cent of it for the glory of the Lord in Alaska. Be assured it shall never go to waste in any way, but will be the means of salvation of Russian folks up here. I plan to use this money you are sending for a special trip to where there are whole groups of Russians, and carry to them the Gospel.

You will be glad to know that a young native Indian girl of Copper Center, who is part Russian, Marietta Johns, has accepted the Lord as her Saviour! She was in Sunday School last Sunday, and we had the wonderful honor of leading her to the Lord Jesus! Now she is a happy Christian, and rejoices in her Christ, continually. Also, last night, at Glennallen, I was so pleased to be able to win a young lad, Harry King, who is also part Russian (his father, Harry King, was half white Russian and Alaskan Indian). Harry King, Jr., is eleven years old, and is now a fine Christian chap, and we have great hopes for him.

Many of our native Indians were Russian Catholic before they were saved, and so they are very interested in anything Russian. They do not speak or read Russian, though their language is filled with old Russian words that have hung on through the years. The Russian Catholic Church here at Copper Center with the sign on it, "St. Michael's Church," has been closed for six years and never used. The native lay priest, James McKinley, was saved about six years ago, and he told all the people that he was now a child of God, and that this WAY was "more better" and that he was no longer native lay priest. He admitted that he didn't even know what he was reading from the books left him by the white Russian priest so long ago. Jim is now one of our outstanding Christians, and our best interpreter. (2 Thes. 3:13.)

Vincent Joy,

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**Chicago, Illinois**

Dear Dr. Miles:

On an open page of a Christian magazine before me stands out a headline: "ABOVE THE STORM CLOUDS THE SKY IS STILL BLUE." It is with these words that I convey my personal testimony to the faithfulness of God during the past few months. There were enough clouds of bitter experiences in my own life and work. But praise God, they are all gone!

I am well again, and with God's help we continue working among the Ukrainians.

Since January of this year we are putting more effort into work among the young people. For this reason we have started evangelistic services on Sunday evenings in English. We have also begun a new Sunday School class in English for the young people. We are happy to say that for this purpose God has sent us qualified men with college and seminary training and who love the Lord and His work.

However, there is one great obstacle to our work, and that is the need of a new place of worship. The building which we are renting now does not satisfy our demand. We pray and trust that the Lord will show us His will in this matter.

We are grateful to the R.M.S. for spiritual and material help which we receive so often. Your personal visit with us, Dr. Miles, is still remembered and appreciated.

In closing we assure you that the prayers of our church will follow you during your trip to Europe and your ministry there.

D. Sheyda,
Pastor, Ukrainian Baptist Church.

## THE SONG OF REDEMPTION

When God laid the foundations of the earth, the morning stars sang together, and all the angels shouted for joy (Job. 38:4, 7). This was the great *Song of Creation,* glorifying God who made everything beautiful and perfect. When sin spoiled the beauty of the created world, God sent His Son to redeem the world. And the angels, the multitudes of the heavenly host, who appeared over the fields of Bethlehem, sang again. This was the *Song of Redemption,* of incarnation, of the second creation, when God laid the foundation of the new heaven and the new earth. He, the Son of God, sacrificed Himself to be this foundation. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." In this heavenly message we hear about three realities: God, earth, man. And when we give God *the glory* for the highest manifestation of His love, for His redemptive sacrifice, the earth enjoys *peace,* and man experiences *the good will,* the benevolence of God. But Christ is being rejected, and instead of God, sinful man is being glorified. Therefore, the earth has no peace in our days, and "the wrath of God abideth upon man." O, let us give glory to the Redeemer and spread the Gospel of peace in our poor sin- and war-stricken world.

This was our message on Christmas Day in the Jewish settlement near Haifa, where we gathered in a Christian Russian house. Russians, Arabs, Jews (both Christians and outsiders) were present. I saw tears on the face of a Jewish lady when she listened to the good tidings about the Messiah, born in a manger at Bethlehem. Inspired Russian hymns warmed the atmosphere. A big Russian samovar contributed to the friendly fellowship.

A similar opportunity to witness about Christ to the Jews was also in a well-attended Christmas meeting in our house on Mount Carmel. We visited also a Jewish family where we found a group of guests, and soon a quiet friendly talk about the Messiah took place (in the connection with Isaiah 9:6). Who but the Prince of Peace may be the King of Israel? The question becomes acute and vital as they dream now about the restoration of the Jewish state.

We have also usually good contacts with the people of different nations when spreading Christian literature on the street. Our Gospel hall "Bethesda" on Christmas Day united three assemblies—Arab, Armenian, and English speaking. The latter also includes our Russian group of believers and some Hebrew-Christians. May God help all of us in the new year to work for His glory with new zeal and sacrificing love!

W. Marcinkowski.

Mount Carmel, Haifa, Palestine.

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## THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS

### James 1:27

**Paysandu, Uruguay**

Thank you very much for your help of $25.00. We had a very happy Christmas season, though we could buy only a chicken (not a turkey, as the friend in Canada wished us to); we also did without a Christmas tree, as they are very expensive here. We attended the Russian service; and the same way we happily also welcomed the New Year. You will be glad to hear that my eldest daughter passed all her examinations and received a teacher's diploma; my youngest daughter got married to a good, serious, working man; my three other children are working now.

Maria Koren

(widow of our missionary).

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**R.M.S. Annual Meeting in U. S. A. will be held in Chicago, Illinois, Sunday, May 19, at 3:30 p.m., at the Second Baptist Church, 1857 W. Jackson Boulevard.**

**Guest Speaker: Hon. Capt. J. F. Holliday, just back from Europe.**

**Chairman: Lawyer P. B. Fischer.**
**Foreign Singers.**

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*Dr. Vaclav Vojta, Dean Russian Departr*
*Bible Training S*

MOSCOW—Eight new orthodox seminaries will shortly be opened in Russia and occupied areas, it has been announced by Georgi G. Karpov, chairman of the Soviet Council on Affairs of the Orthodox church.

Karpov made the announcement in reply to the question whether liberal policies adopted by the Soviet government toward the Russian Orthodox church during the war would be continued in the future.

**Some Are Now Open**

Recalling seminaries are functioning at present in Moscow and Saratov, he stated that in response to requests by church authorities, his council has given orders to local representatives to arrange for the opening by Aug. 1 of other theological training schools in Leningrad, Minsk, Kiev, Odessa, Stavropol, Lwow, Lutzk, and Tallinn.

Courses will last two years and the first classes will average 40 students each. By next fall, Karpov predicted, more than 400 students will be enrolled at the eight seminaries.

Other evidences of the government's continued liberal attitude toward the church, according to the Soviet official, are the number of new churches that have been opened and the facilities granted for church publications.

"During the first five months of 1945 alone, 420 churches have been opened in Russia," he said, displaying a list of 51 churches which the council had ordered opened at its last meeting on May 23. The council meets on an average of twice a month and at nearly every meeting reports are discussed from one or more of its regional representatives. Bulletins based on discussions of these reports are subsequently sent to all local agencies.

**In New Areas**

"It is an interesting fact," Karpov commented, "that some of the new churches

churches at all, as, for [illegible] togorsk and Leninsk-Kuznetskii."

The new churches included one just opened in Moscow directly opposite the Sokol subway station, near Sokolnitski park, Karpov stated.

He reported that there are now 89 monasteries in Russia, nine of which are in Kiev, including the Pokrovsky convent where there are 250 nuns.

Karpov revealed the government has supplied the church with a printing shop and six presses.

**Encouraging News From Russia**

It is to be regretted that we are unable to reprint letters which are being received by many Christian people in America, but we want to impress our readers that the Christian people from Russia are writing most encouraging news according to which we feel that they are enjoying freedom and spiritual awakening after all the suffering and bloodshed through which the nation has passed.

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## The Friend of Russians

The Leo Tolstoy Museum, Yasnaya Polyana, Russia, which was destroyed by the Germans, has been restored, redecorated and reopened. Included in the articles returned to the library are Tolstoy's collection of 23,000 books. Over 13,000 of these contain marginal notes made by the Great Russian author. What an omnivorous reader he must have been.

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A hall in the Moscow Museum of the Revolution has been set apart for the display of over 500 gifts made by the people to Stalin They range from the 1,000th magneto turned out by a Moscow plant and a miniature of a roller bearing plant to an amber cigarette holder bequeathed to him by a dying soldier, a Caucasian girdle, a bone dagger and other interesting articles.

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## RUSSIANS COME TO CHRIST

. . . Among the millions of Russians from U.S.S.R. there is great spiritual hunger. While the Germans were in Ukraine thousands of Ukrainians and Russians came to the Lord, because all Gospel meetings were open and free. The same open hearts were found also in France when tens of thousands of Russians were here. They have been sent back eastward again, but while they were here thousands of them received the Word of God, and wherever possible we had meetings for them with very good results.

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## RADIO OF A DYING GIRL

Recently we received this letter:

"A few days before the Lord took my sister home, she was praying for Russia that God would 'keep the doors open.' We thought it must be inspired because the doors are not very much open yet. Today we sold her radio. Enclosed is a check for the proceeds to send the Word of God to Russia."

May H.

## 'HELPING HANDS,' THANK YOU!

**Our hearts are full of gratitude and joy to see so many of our readers heed our call and respond so lovingly to the needs of battered Europe, by writing so eagerly for names of needy folks there to whom to send individual relief parcels. Thank you also for the numerous gifts of money and articles sent to our office in Chicago. We are happy to know that quite a few towels have been sent to the orphanages in Holland and Poland, and many other good things. It is so good to be able to do good—isn't it?**

**Please continue to send individual parcels, we shall be glad to furnish the names and addresses. You may send small parcels or up to 10-11 lbs. Your post office will gladly give you all instructions, and from the letters of thanks in our magazine you will see what is needed or appreciated most. You may always add something different.**

**Remember: write for names of individuals in Europe, if you can send your own parcels, or send your gifts to Miss M. Fetler, 1844 W. Monroe Street, Chicago 12, Illinois. If you send the parcels direct, they will be received much quicker than being sent first here where we have to repack them and pay new postage. The NAE War Relief Commission also receives clothing to be shipped out in bales for general distribution through Christian centers in Europe. Contributions to meet the expenses of shipment are appreciated. Make checks payable to the Russian Missionary Society, Inc. Remember also the Orphanage Restoration Fund.**

## BOOK REVIEWS

### THE GREATEST UNUSED POWER IN THE WORLD

**By the Rev. F. J. Miles, D.S.O., O.B.E., etc.**

*Reviewed by* DR. H. A. IRONSIDE

Under its former title, "Through the Holy Spirit," this book has had a very wide circulation already. The present volume, under the new title, suggested by a remark made concerning Niagara, is in much more attractive form that the older editions. It consists of 100 pages of most helpful instruction on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. Free from all vagaries and eminently sane and Scriptural, it is a most excellent handbook for any serious student of this great theme. It insists on the true personality of the Spirit, and points out the difference between His work in regeneration and in sanctification. It is clear, too, as to the gifts and various operations of the Spirit, and recognizes dispensational distinctions in a way that is most illuminating. We understand it is being used as a textbook in many Bible Institutes, and this seems very fitting, because of the simple, concise manner in which it unfolds each part of its great subject.

FLASH! FLASH!

As we go to press, a shipment of books by Dr. Miles has just arrived in the Chicago office from England. This is the first shipment from England we have received in many months, and now our depleted stock of the following books is filled and ready to serve our friends:

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